IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 88: REQUIREMENTS FOR "PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS"

	Partnership Model 1	Partnership Model 2	Partnership Model 3
Status of Plans	FS & SBH are KK licensees	FS is KK licensee/SBH is ASO/KK Affiliate ¹	FS is KK licensee/SBH is ASO/TPA not affiliated with KK licensee
Contractual Arrangement with Employer	Both FS and SBH Plan obligated to provide AB 88 services under contracts with Employer	Both FS and ASO/KKA obligated to provide AB 88 services under contracts with Employer	Both FS and ASO/TPA obligated to provide AB 88 services under contracts with Employer
Responsibility for AB 88 Coverage	SBH responsible for primary coverage; FS Plan responsible for secondary/ supplemental coverage	ASO/KKA responsible for primary coverage; FS Plan responsible for secondary/supplemental coverage	ASO/TPA responsible for primary coverage; FS Plan responsible for secondary/supplemental coverage
Quality Assurance	SBH responsible for quality of services delivered under contract with Employer, including QA programs in compliance with Act	ASO/KKA responsible for quality of services delivered under contract with Employer, including QA programs in compliance with Act	ASO/TPA responsible responsible for quality of services delivered under contract with Employer, including QA programs in compliance with Act
	No FS Plan oversight required	KKA must provide ensure that affiliate ASO willI meet requirements of Act No FS Plan oversight required	Requires full oversight by FS Plan; FS Plan must ensure that ASO/TPA will meet requirements of Act or that FS Plan will perform services for ASO/TPA
Utilization Management	SBH responsible for UM/UR services delivered under contract with Employer in compliance with Act	ASO/KKA responsible for UM/UR services delivered under contract with Employer in compliance with Act	ASO/TPA responsible for UM/UR services delivered under contract with Employer in compliance with Act
	No FS Plan oversight required	KKA must provide assurance to ensure that affiliate ASO will meet requirements of Act	Requires full oversight by FS Plan; FS Plan must ensure that ASO/TPA will meet requirements of Act or that FS Plan will perform services for ASO/TPA
		No FS Plan oversight required	

¹ This Advisory does not address whether a particular ASO or TPA is operating as a health care service plan as defined in Section 1345(f) and requires licensure pursuant to Section 1349. All entities operating as health care service plans are required to obtain licensure to conduct business in California.

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Grievance Process	SBH responsible for grievance process delivered under contract with Employer, in compliance with Act; includes review of grievances arising from provision of AB 88 services	ASO/KKA responsible for grievance process delivered under contract with Employer, in compliance with Act; includes review of grievances arising from provision of AB 88 services	ASO/TPA responsible for grievance process delivered under contract with Employer, in compliance with Act; includes review of grievances arising from provision of AB 88 services
	No FS Plan oversight required, except oversight of grievances related to parity issues	No FS Plan oversight required, except oversight of grievances related to parity issues	Requires full oversight by FS Plan; FS Plan must ensure that ASO/TPA will meet requirements of Act or that FS Plan will perform services for ASO/TPA
Parity of AB 88 Services	FS Plan responsible for assuring enrollees receive services in parity with FS Plan benefits	FS Plan responsible for assuring enrollees receive services in parity with FS Plan benefits	FS Plan responsible for assuring enrollees receive services in parity with FS Plan benefits
	Contract must contain terms sufficient to obligate SBH Plan to provide parity with FS Plan benefits and give FS Plan authority for oversight of parity issues	Contract must contain terms sufficient to obligate ASO/KKA to provide parity with FS Plan benefits and give FS Plan authority for oversight of parity issues	Contract must contain terms sufficient to obligate ASO/TPA to provide parity with FS Plan benefits and give FS Plan authority for oversight of parity issues
	Parity issues include but are not limited to: copayments, eligibility, cancellation provisions, continuation coverage rights and conversion rights	Parity issues include but are not limited to: copayments, eligibility, cancellation provisions, continuation coverage rights and conversion rights	Parity issues include but are not limited to: copayments, eligibility, cancellation provisions, continuation coverage rights and conversion rights
Disclosures to subscribers and	EOC of FS Plan must (1) identify SBH	EOC of FS Plan must (1) identify	EOC of FS Plan must (1) identify
enrollees	Plan as primary coverage and (2) refer to SBH Plan for relevant information	ASO/KKA as primary coverage and (2) refer to ASO/KKA for relevant information	ASO/TPA as primary coverage and (2) refer enrollees to ASO/TPA for relevant information
	SBH Plan must demonstrate compliance in EOC and subscriber contracts	ASO/KKA must demonstrate compliance in EOC and subscriber contracts	
Contingency Plan	FS Plan must demonstrate that it will meet obligations if SBH fails to perform	FS must demonstrate that it will meet obligations if ASO/KKA fails to perform	FS must demonstrate that it will meet obligations if ASO/TPA fails to perform
	Includes demonstrating sufficient provider network and contingency plan	Includes demonstrating sufficient provider network and contingency plan	Includes demonstrating sufficient provider network and contingency plan